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SEWANEE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES \$50 MILLION CAMPAIGN

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SEWANEE, Tenn. (DPS, Oct. 14) -- The University of the South has announced the launching of a \$50 million capital funds campaign, which will double the Episcopal institution's present endowment of \$30 million.

The national campaign kickoff was Oct. 12 at a dinner for Sewanee supporters at the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville. Allan C. King, general chairman of the Century II Fund announced at the dinner that \$21 million of the \$50 million goal has already been raised.

Formally designated as the Century II Fund, the campaign is by far the largest fund drive ever conducted by the University of the South and is one of the largest capital fund campaigns in the nation for a college or university similar in size to Sewanee.

Vice-Chancellor Robert M. Ayres, Jr., and other alumni and friends are leading the campaign, which they consider to be essential to the school's continued vitality.

King of Houston, Tex., the national general chairman of the Century II Fund, said in preparation for the kickoff: "Faced with the inflationary spiral of recent years, Sewanee's endowment no longer guarantees financial stability or academic excellence."

He said strong leadership and the support of many people will be needed to reach the goal.

The Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, is the national general co-chairman. He said: "Sewanee provides a community of learning in which students are encouraged to perceive and to exercise two essential human powers -- reason and faith. It is this very coupling of the essentials of a Christian education that makes those of us in the Episcopal Church so proud to lend our efforts and support to this vital undertaking."

The Century II kickoff is the culmination of two years of preparation which has involved the univeristy's Board of Regents and Board of Trustees and a growing number of volunteer leaders.

Most of the search for gifts and pledges is expected to be completed by the end of 1983. About \$10 million will be earmarked as annual giving for current operations until pledges are collected. A portion of the funds will be used for renovations of buildings.

The new endowment funds will be used for scholarships, faculty enrichment and program enhancement. Another portion of the money raised will improve existing programs, including campus ministries, counseling and the student loan program.

The University of the South enrolls 1,000 students in its College of Arts and Sciences and about 70 students in its School of Theology. The School of Theology, which also administers a lay extension program for more than 4,000 students, is one of 10 accredited Episcopal seminaries.

Sewanee has almost 14,000 alumni, including leaders in business, law, medicine, government, education and the Church.

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BIRNEY CONSECRATED
10TH BISHOP OF IDAHO

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BOISE, Idaho (DPS, Oct. 14) -- David Bell Birney IV was ordained and consecrated tenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho in August before a congregation of more than 1,000 persons in St. John's Roman Catholic Cathedral here.

The service began with a procession from St. Michael's, the smaller sized Episcopal Cathedral three blocks away, to the larger St. John's Cathedral. Included among the participants were some 20 bishops, notably the Most Rev. Alastair I.M. Haggart, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church -- who happened to be visiting nearby -- and the Most. Rev. Sylvester Trienen, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Boise. The Chief Consecrator was the Rt. Rev. John Maury Allin, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, from New York. The Co-consecrators, chosen by the bishop-elect to assist, were: the Rt. Rev. Lloyd E. Gressle, Birney's bishop when he started his ministry in the Diocese of Bethlehem, Penn.; the Rt. Rev. Hanford L. King, Jr., retired bishop of Idaho; the Rt. Rev. C. Shannon Mallory, bishop of El Camino Real, in California, and formerly of Botswana where Birney was his assistant; and the Rt. Rev. Christopher Senyonjo, bishop of West Buganda, Church of Uganda, whose family lived next to the Birneys when both taught at Bishop Tucker Theological Seminary there.

Other national staff people participated in the service, in addition to the Presiding Bishop. The preacher was the Rev. Samuel Van Culin, Executive for World Mission in Church and Society, for whom Birney worked as Coordinator of Overseas Ministries for the last six years. He called Birney one of the Episcopal Church's great missionaries and charged him not only to be faithful to God and the people of the Diocese of Idaho, but also to be faithful to himself and his family, guarding from over-work. Having known Birney for 30 years, he said, "Your life has been full of surprises because you have always been faithful to God's call. You did not think you would be a bishop, you did not seek out the episcopate. It is a surprise to you that you are here today. It is because you have been faithful that you are."

Two women priests from Birney's Church Center staff participated: the Rev. Rachelle Birnbaum read the Litany for Ordinations, and the Rev. Page Bigelow con-celebrated with three Idaho priests. The Rev. Edward Geyer, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, was the registrar for the consecration, seeing to it that all documents were properly signed.

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The new bishop's wife, Ginny, and his sons, David, 8, and Robby, 3, carried the elements to the table for the Holy Eucharist. Many persons helped in many ways as presenters; readers of testimonials documenting that Birney had been duly elected and his election had been properly endorsed by the majority of standing committees and bishops of the Episcopal Church; as lectors; bearers of gifts for the new bishop; deacons; musicians; banner bearers; acolytes; ushers; and ministers of communion.

Following the consecration of the new bishop, the congregation clapped for over a minute. Once again, when he emerged from the Cathedral, at the end of the processional, the 200 participants waiting outside once more applauded.

Following the service, a reception was held in Boise's Municipal Park.

Birney, a 52-year-old native of New Orleans, attended Emerson College in Boston and received a bachelor's degree from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. He received a master of divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1955.

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RAY CONSECRATED
IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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MARQUETTE, Mich. (DPS, Oct. 14) -- St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church here was the setting for the late August ordination and consecration of the Rev. Thomas Kreider Ray as the eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan.

More than 700 persons witnessed the consecration of Ray as 12 bishops of the Church, led by Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, Chief Pastor and Primate of the Episcopal Church, laid hands upon him.

The five consecrators were Allin; Bishop Charles Bennison of Western Michigan, Assistant Bishop William Dimmick of Minnesota, and former Bishop of Northern Michigan; Bishop James W. Montgomery of Chicago; and Bishop William C.R. Sheridan of Northern Indiana.

The preacher was John McKnight, associate director of the Center for Urban Affairs and professor of Communication Studies and Urban Affairs at Northwestern University, Evanston Ill. Registrar was the Rev. Canon Edward B. Geyer, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Presiding Bishop.

Ray, 47, was rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston, Ill., when he was elected bishop of the diocese on the second ballot at a special election in Escanaba, Mich., last February.

Born in Barberton, Ohio, Ray is a graduate of the University of Michigan and General Theological Seminary in New York.

Prior to coming to St. Luke's in Evanston in 1971, his ministry was in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Crown Point and Marion, Ind.

He is married to Brenda Lee Ackerman and they have four children.

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MONKS' CORNER

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(Monks' Corner is an occasional spiritual column prepared for diocesan publications by members of the Order of the Holy Cross.)

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

by Clark W. Trafton, OHC

I once knew of a college professor who, as a young man, decided that he would not marry until his financial and professional future was secure. He worked very hard, obtaining tenure with his university and advancing to full professor. He made investments with his savings and bought a house. With each advancement he became more and more satisfied that his marriage preparations were being completed. Finally he was ready. But then came the problem. He was too old and too limited in his interests and experience to be attractive to the kind of woman he wanted to marry. He had invested all his time and energy and talent in the preparation for life, and as a consequence he had failed to live it. Preparation which does not lead to timely action is merely daydreaming and fantasy.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord." The scriptures are a record of preparation followed by action. The Old Testament is a history of the preparation of God's chosen people for the coming of the Messiah. Gradually, as people could understand it, God revealed new aspects of himself through the history of those people. Some would understand and accept the revelation, and others would reject it. Finally, after centuries of preparation, a faithful remnant was ready, and God acted. Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Then came another period of preparation, about thirty years, during which Jesus gathered together a group of followers who might be able to understand his revelation. So, having prepared them by living with them, teaching them, healing them, he acted. He went up to Jerusalem, surrendered himself to death upon the cross, and was raised up from death by the Father.

Another period of preparation, forty days, followed in which the risen Lord appeared to his apostles, convincing them that he was alive, forgiving them, restoring and renewing their fellowship. Then God acted again, raising Jesus into heaven and sending the Spirit upon the apostles, strengthening them for the work of witnessing to the good news.

The preparation to which the Lord and the Church call us is always preparation for action. Advent is not just a time for thinking about the incarnation. Lent is not just a time for thinking about the passion and death and resurrection

of Jesus. Eastertide is not just a time for thinking about the descent of the Spirit. They are a time for putting into action the implications of those mighty actions of God. The thinking and meditating must lead us to speaking and doing. As authentic response to the gospel requires a change in the way we live. The prayer of the pagan Augustine might be in the hearts of many of us: Convert me, Lord, but not yet! Our preparation through reading of the scriptures, through participation in corporate and private prayer, must lead us to take concrete action in loving words and loving deeds.

If faith exists only in our thoughts, we have not made any real commitment to it. But when it is shared with another person through a word or an action, then we have committed ourselves. A word once spoken can never be unspoken. An act once performed can never be taken back. Loving thoughts come and go without anyone else taking notice. Loving words and acts give an open witness to the Lord of love.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord." By all means. But prepare for action, or the preparation may become an end in itself. For God was not satisfied with preparing his people. He prepared them for his mighty acts of love.

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PANAMA FAILS
TO ELECT BISHOP

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PANAMA CITY (DPS, Oct. 14) -- After eight ballots with no election, the Episcopal Bishop of Panama, Lemuel B. Shirley, adjourned a diocesan convention assembled here on Oct. 9 to elect a bishop coadjutor for this diocese.

None of the three contending candidates was able to receive the majority of the votes in the clerical order. The Rev. Dennis N. Josiah, 52, rector of St. Alban's Church, Paraiso, obtained the majority in the lay order from the beginning.

The other candidates were the Rev. James H. Ottley, 46, rector of St. Paul's Church, Panama City and Executive Secretary of the Ninth Province; and the Rev. Clarence W. Hayes, 54, Principal of Colegio San Cristobal, also in Panama City.

The convention was held at the Cathedral of St. Luke's, Balboa, and there were 13 clergy and 62 voting lay delegates.

The Anglican presence in Panama goes back to 1852. In 1906 it became a missionary district of the American Episcopal Church. At present there are more than 17,407 baptized members in the diocese.

No date has been set for the next convention to proceed with the election.

The bishop coadjutor will succeed Shirley, 66, when he retires.

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